

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

Opportunities that broaden our girls' world view

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

'As part of our commitment to providing our girls with myriad opportunities and instilling a global dimension into their education, we are excited to share highlights from our recent overseas tours. By experiencing different customs, lifestyles, and nuances of other countries, our students develop networks and forge friendships that can last a lifetime. We believe that these tour experiences not only enhance academic learning, but also help our girls develop positive relationships, broaden their perspectives and cultivate the skills needed to thrive as global citizens—all while having fun!'

– Mrs Victoria Rennie,
Deputy Headmistress and Head of Senior School

Mrs Rennie has written an excellent article about the exceptional Robotics and Music trips overseas that took place in the holidays. It is certainly wonderful to read about the fantastic opportunities that our girls have been given by our dedicated Abbotsleigh staff. I know that our girls, our parents and I are very grateful for all that our staff do to give **'every girl the opportunity to do more, so that she has the ability to be more.'**

I commend Mrs Rennie's article to you.

Artemis in Athens

Our robotics team, Artemis, was selected to represent Australia in the 2024 First Global Challenge held in Athens. This prestigious robotics competition features teams from 193 countries, each team building a robot to compete in a unique game. Over two months, our talented girls prepared diligently, designing and constructing their



robot while collaborating online with overseas teams from places including China, Palestine, Bangladesh and Vietnam.

The experience began with a spectacular opening ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the girls were inspired by Dean Kamen, the founder of FIRST, who spoke about international unity and the importance of collaboration among nations. Competing against the best, our team achieved a remarkable rank of 47th out of 193 – a fantastic accomplishment!

In addition to the competition, our girls were invited to various evening ceremonies, including a cultural festival showcasing Greek music and delicious food. They also had the extraordinary opportunity to meet Australia's



Ambassador to Greece, Ms Alison Duncan, whose insights into her diplomatic career inspired our students.

Biennial Music Tour to Spain and Portugal

Meanwhile, 63 of our talented musicians, alongside seven dedicated staff members, travelled to Spain and Portugal for our biennial Music Tour. Over two weeks, they performed at venues across many cities, attended masterclasses with European maestros and soaked up those countries' rich culture through sightseeing and engaging activities.

Highlights included a memorable performance at a school in Seville and a strings masterclass at the Metropolitana Symphony Orchestra Hall in Lisbon. Our choir also participated in a choral workshop with Erica Mandillo and the University of Lisbon's Children's Choir. The girls also enjoyed a flamenco dancing workshop, followed by

a delicious Spanish dinner and a captivating professional flamenco show.

The tour culminated with a visit to the breathtaking Alhambra in Granada, leaving our students with unforgettable memories and experiences.

These overseas tours are truly life-changing experiences, and both the Robotics and Music tours exemplified the perfect blend of learning and enjoyment. Such invaluable experiences would not be possible without the incredible hard work, passion, and dedication of our wonderful teachers. Their commitment to ensuring our girls are prepared and have a rich educational and cultural experience speaks volumes about the values we uphold at Abbotsleigh. I would especially like to thank the following staff who made these tours possible: for the Music tour, Lynette Clarke, Penina Stafford, Ingrid Little, Louise Keller, Susannah Pinter, Sarah Evans and Josephine Brereton; and for the Robotics tour, Jasmine Palmer, Mir Tarique and Eleanor Watson.



Chaplain

The Outsiders

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

It is a common experience to feel like an outsider at various times in our lives. It might be because we don't have the same fashion as others, get chosen last for a team game, or are not up-to-date with the fad on the 'socials'. There may be much more difficult reasons and it is easy to feel isolated, different and unvalued. This term, our Senior Chapels are centred around 'The Outsiders', highlighting the many interactions Jesus had with individuals deemed 'outsiders'. Some of these people lived outside the city because they were considered unclean, like those with leprosy. Many had reduced social status, like tax collectors, who were considered traitors, or those who had broken certain moral rules. Jesus comes and spends time with these outsiders,

welcoming them when others don't and giving them the good news of forgiveness with God through faith in Him. The words of the hymn we are learning resonate, 'What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear... can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?... In his arms He'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.'

Ephesians 2:19-21

You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Abbotsleigh Giving Day

Thursday 7 November

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

ELC, Transition, Kindergarten and Year 1 Intensive Swimming Week	Monday 4 to Friday 8 November	Junior School Swimming Pool
6G Judith Krause session 2	Monday 4 November 9-10.30 am	6O Classroom
IPSHA Debating Gala Day	Monday 4 November 9.30 am-2.30 pm	Auditorium and Annex rooms
6D Judith Krause session 2	Monday 4 November 10.50-12.20 pm	6L Classroom
Year 6 Basketball and Cricket training	Monday 4 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School courts and oval
Primary Chapel	Tuesday 5 November 8.30-9 am	Everett Hall

Infants Chapel	Tuesday 5 November 9-9.30 am	Everett Hall
2G Instrument Testing	Tuesday 5 November 9.45 am-10.30 am	Upper Music room
Year 6 Farewell Card making	Tuesday 5 November 9.30-10.30 am	Year 6 Classrooms
2O Instrument Testing	Tuesday 5 November 11-12 pm	Upper Music room
Year 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis training	Tuesday 5 November 3.20-4.30 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Year 1-5 Gateways Navigate sessions	Wednesday 6 November 8.30 am-3 pm	AbbSchool East room
2G Swimming Lesson	Wednesday 6 November 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
Year 6 AbbKart Derby rehearsal	Wednesday 6 November 10.50-11.50 am	Junior School Oval
2O Swimming Lesson	Wednesday 6 November 11.35-12.20 pm	JS Swimming Pool
Year 6 AbbKart Derby	Wednesday 6 November 1.30-2 pm	Junior School Oval
Year 5 Basketball and Cricket Training	Wednesday 6 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Campus
Year 3-6 IPSHA Tennis Training	Wednesday 6 November 3.45-4.45 pm	SS Tennis Courts
Year 2 Celebration and Soiree Rehearsal	Thursday 7 November 8.30 am-10.30 pm	Everett Hall
Year 3, 4 Basketball and Cricket training	Thursday 7 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School campus
IPSHA Speakers Challenge	Friday 8 November 9 am-3 pm	William Clarke College
6O Judith Krause session 2	Friday 8 November 9-10.30 am	6O Classroom
6L Judith Krause session 2	Friday 8 November 10.50-12.20 pm	6L Classroom
Knox Invitational Swimming Carnival	Friday 8 November 11 am-2.30 pm	Knox College
Year 5 Nursing Home visit	Friday 8 November 11-12 pm	Hammond Care
Year 6 theme song rehearsal	Friday 8 November 1.40-2 pm	Year 6 Classrooms
Kindergarten and Year 1 Football (Soccer) program	Friday 8 November 3-4 pm	Junior School Oval
IPSHA Tennis Training	Friday 8 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Courts
Year 2 Sport training	Saturday 9 November 8 am-9.30 am	Junior School Oval
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 9 November 8 am-12 pm	Various locations, see team sheets
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6D Judith Krause session 3	Monday 11 November 9-10.30 am	6O Classroom
Kindergarten Play Session	Monday 11 November 9.30 1m-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
5G Skyworks Planetarium incursion	Monday 11 November 9.30-10.30 am	Everett Hall
6O Judith Krause session 3	Monday 11 November 10.50-12.20 pm	6L Classroom
5O Skyworks Planetarium incursion	Monday 11 November 10.50-11.50 am	Everett Hall
5L Skyworks Planetarium incursion	Monday 11 November 11.50-12.50 am	Everett Hall
Year 6 Mandarin song rehearsal with Ming Urwin	Monday 11 November 1.40-2 pm	Everett Hall
5D Skyworks Planetarium incursion	Monday 11 November 2-3 pm	Everett Hall
Primary Chapel	Tuesday 12 November 8.30-9 am	Everett Hall
Year 5 Surf Education excursion	Tuesday 12 November 8.30 am-3 pm	Manly Beach
Infants Chapel	Tuesday 12 November 9-9.30 am	Everett Hall
Kindergarten Play Session	Tuesday 12 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Year 1 and 2 Author Visit – Louise Park	Tuesday 12 November 10.50-11.50 am	Library
Year 2 and 3 AbbConnect Craft session	Tuesday 12 November 1.45-2.45 pm	Year 3 Classrooms
Year 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis Training	Tuesday 12 November 3.20-4.30 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Year 1 Botanic Garden excursion	Wednesday 13 November 8.30 am-2.30 pm	Botanic Garden, Sydney
Year 4 Kindness Day	Wednesday 13 November 8.30-12.50 pm	Year 4 Classrooms
Kindergarten Play Session	Wednesday 13 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
2G Swimming Lesson	Wednesday 13 November 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
2O Swimming Lesson	Wednesday 13 November 11.35-12.20 pm	JS Swimming Pool
Year 6 Just Romeo and Juliet! incursion	Wednesday 13 November 2-3 pm	Everett Hall
Year 5 Basketball and Cricket Training	Wednesday 13 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Campus
Year 3-6 IPSHA Tennis Training	Wednesday 13 November 3.45-4.45 pm	SS Tennis Courts
JS Invitational Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 13 November 4-6 pm	Aquatic Centre
Year 6 Surf Educate excursion	Thursday 14 November 8.30 am-3 pm	Manly Beach

Year 1-5 Gateways Navigate session	Thursday 14 November 8.30 am-3 pm	AbbSchool East room
Kindergarten Play Session	Thursday 14 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Year 2 String rehearsal	Thursday 14 November 9.45-10.30 am	Upper Music Room
Year 3, 4 Basketball and Cricket training	Thursday 14 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School campus
Trinity Drama Exams	Friday 15 November 9 am-12 pm	Everett Hall
6L Judith Krause session 3	Friday 15 November 9-10.30 am	6O Classroom
Infants Swimming Carnival	Friday 15 November 9.30 am-2.30 pm	Aquatic Centre
6G Judith Krause session 3	Friday 15 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	6L Classroom
IPSHA Tennis Training	Friday 15 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Courts
Year 2 Sport training	Saturday 16 November 8 am-9.30 am	Junior School Oval
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 16 November 8 am-12 pm	Various locations, see team sheets

SENIOR SCHOOL

Saturday sport	Saturday 2 November	Click here for times and venues
Yr 10 Coastal Management field trip	Monday 4 November 8.20 am – 3.25 pm	Long Reef/Collaroy APA Meeting
APA Meeting	Monday 4 November 7-9 pm	SS GLC
First Nations Tranby Excursion	Tuesday 5 November 8 am-3.25 pm	
Immersion Week Project Day	Wednesday 6 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Abbotsleigh Instrumental Festival	Wednesday 6 November 4-8 pm	PDCH, Assembly Hall, Chapel, GLC, Forum, Lecture Theatre
Year 7 Inquisitive Minds Incursion	Thursday 7 November	
Yr 12 (2025) Agriculture Excursion	Thursday 7 November 7.30 am-5 pm	Leppington Pasture Company
Year 9 Languages Incursion	Thursday 7 November 8.25 am-12.40 pm	
Yr 10 Semi-Formal	Thursday 7 November 6.30-10.30 pm	Hornsby RSL
Prefect Afternoon Tea	Friday 8 November 3.30-6 pm	GLC & Marian Clarke Plaza
Sports Awards Evening	Friday 8 November 6-8.30 pm	PDCH
IGSA Touch Football & Water Polo Round 4	Saturday 9 November 8 am-12 pm	Various

Cricket Round 4	Saturday 9 November 1-5.30 pm	Various
Softball & Badminton Trials	Saturday 9 November 1-5 pm	Top Oval/Sports Hall
Swimming Heats	Monday 11 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Year 9 heats	Period 1	
Year 10 heats	Period 2	
Year 7 heats	Period 3	
Year 11(12) heats	Lunchtime	
Year 8 heats	Period 4	
Remembrance Day Service	Monday 11 November 10.40-11 am	Assembly Hall
Boarder Leadership Dinner	Monday 11 November 6.30-7.30 pm	
Year 10 First Aid Course - Day 1	Tuesday 12 November 8.20 am-3.25pm	Various
Year 7 Geography field trip	Tuesday 12 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Year 10 Brecht Night /Year 9 Greek Theatre Performance	Tuesday 12 November 6-8 pm	Drama Studio
Year 10 First Aid Course – Day 2	Wednesday 13 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Various
Year 8 Medieval Day	Wednesday 13 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Yr12 Ext History: The Project, State Lib	Thursday 14 November 8.20 am-3.20 pm	Zoom conference
Year 8 Luna Park Excursion (Maths)	Thursday 14 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Luna Park
Yr 9 & Yr 10 PASS Excursion	Thursday 14 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
APA Thank you Drinks & AGM	Thursday 14 November 6.30-8.30 pm	GLC - TBC
Red Earth Immersion departs	Friday 15 November	Far North Queensland
AOGU Ladies Golf Day	Friday 15 November 8 am-3 pm	Long Reef Golf Club
SS Lunchtime Futures: Walanga Muru Mac Uni	Friday 15 November 1.20 pm-2.10 pm	Careers Office
ABPA AGM	Friday 15 November 2-3.30 pm	TBC
Yr 9 History Rights & Freedoms Perf	Friday 15 November 2-3.25 pm	PDCH
IGSA Touch Football & Water Polo Round 5	Saturday 16 November 8 am-12 pm	
Dance Till You Drop - Showcase	Saturday 16 November 12.30-5.30 pm	Assembly Hall
SS Cricket Round 5	Saturday 16 November 1-5.30 pm	